

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO COMMISSIONER  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VICTOR SAUDE MARIA: DEATH OF  
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER FRANCISCO MENDES

REF: BISSAU 841

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TAKE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY  
TO DELIVER AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
OF CONDOLENCE FROM THE SECRETARY TO COMMISSIONER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS VICTOR SAUDE MARIA: "MY COLLEAGUES AND  
I AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED  
TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER  
MENDES. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES FOR THIS  
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LOSS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF GUINEA-BISSAU."

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE,  
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.

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## Message Attributes

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